

FOR PRESIDENT:
WM. JENNINGS BRYAN
On a Platform to fit the Candidate's
Unimpaired Integrity and Democracy.

It is not necessary to jeopardize the freedom of the press in order to correct abuses by fake publications.

I CAN prove, by papers advocating the Polish cause, that the legislative sessions of 1905 and 1907—ordinary and extraordinary—were unnecessary and a wholly useless expense to the tax-payers.

SOME Professor over in Indiana said the other day that in his early years in Springfield, Ill., Abraham Lincoln was a "ward political boss." This affirmatively answers the sneering Scriptural query: "Can good come out of Nazareth?"

WATCH well the Statesman whose cry is "the welfare of the people;" on this plea he too often excuses his encroaching upon their rights. Unhindered by laws creating special privileges to the favored few, the many can be entrusted to look after their welfare. Much more insidious and dangerous are the assaults upon their rights.

OUR President seems of variegated mood. He, in some instances, urges the courts to seek it to alleged malefactors to the limit, and then some, while at other times he shakes his big stick threateningly and expostulates vociferously if the Congressional probe is wielded too roughly or made to prod too deep. Vide the case of that Federal Judge in China, charged with oppression and favoritism, and then the case of the Washingtonian accused of violating the pure food laws.

ELECT the Federal Judges for short terms. Life-appointment gives the lie to the assertion that the people are fit for self government. Elect all our public servants, and they will not assume the role of masters. Why not incorporate this Democratic doctrine in the National Democratic Platform this year? The time is propitious. The people are awakening to the dangers of centralized despotism fostered and promoted by men of arrogant will and lifelong authority.

JUDGE EVANS, in his Joplin speech, made an insinuating reference to the "old machine"—meaning those Democrats who had wrested the State from the Republican rule, and who, and their successors, for thirty years and more, gave to the people of Missouri an administration unexcelled in all the United States. There isn't a one of the "machine" Democrats who ever accepted an office to which he wasn't fairly elected or chosen. Can Judge Evans say as much?

BENNY says that Judge Schmidt wanted the *Ozark Banner* to have some of the county printing. Yet County Clerk Rayburn tells us that several months ago when an order of the court was printed in the *Banner* Schmidt howled loud and long and mournfully. He declared that the *Banner* had no circulation, no one would see the order and that people in his part of the county did not know that there was such a paper as the *Banner* in existence, or words to that effect. So Benny has lied or Schmidt has changed his mind to suit the occasion—something that is no trouble for either of them to do.

It is said the now Undesirable Harriman will not this year even consider a proposition to raise or put up \$250,000 for the "educational enlightenment" of ignorant and impetuous voters. By-the-way, I have a sort of dim recollection—or is it a mere phantasm of brain decadence?—of insurance money stolen and applied to the patriotic uses of the pure and immaculate g. o. p. Has this money—if real, and not the unsubstantial creation of erring fancy—has this \$250,000 been returned to the store of the widows and orphans from which it was abstracted? Boys, you need not answer unless you wish to, even if you know.

THE Tobacco Trust has set the price it pays for the raw material and the price it charges for the manufactured product. Like the old darkey's rabbit trap, it "ketches 'em comin' an' gwine." The night-riders are trying to get rid of the trap by burning the woods. They will not succeed. The trust is too "law-abiding" and smart for the rude, unlettered victims who hold the plow and wield the

hoe. It is not violent but smooth; it does not destroy warehouses and garnered crops, but gathers the latter to its bosom, with a prayer for the perpetuation of the laws of special privilege which give all the Trusts their being and their power to rob.

SOMETIMES the police, maintained and paid as guardians of the public, show themselves the most lawless body in the city. They not only assume powers not given them by the law, but arrogantly invade the dearest rights known to the citizen. The arbitrary arrest without warrant, "on suspicion," the "sweating" process, and the "raiding" of houses quiet and orderly at the time, are among the most common usurpations. The closing of lecture halls before incendiary speech have been uttered—"on suspicion" again—or the forbidding of free speech on the assumption that it may not conduce to the public good, ought not to be tolerated. The police are the servants of the public, not the conservators of its ethics and beliefs.

WE hear it rumored that Senator J. L. Bradley of St. Francois County, who is a candidate for State Auditor, would not abide in good faith by the result of the primary for the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator. Mr. Bradley is a holdover Senator and it is said that if Senator Stone should be nominated over Governor Folk Mr. Bradley might repeat the Kentucky act. Whether this is true or not the Senator should settle this question without delay. We would like to know whether as a holdover Senator if he is called upon to take part in the election of a United States Senator he will honestly stand by and support the result of the senatorial primary, no matter who is nominated. I, for one, believe he will, but he ought to set the matter at rest without delay.

MR. BRYAN made a speech on the 19th at Chicago to an audience of over 12,000 people, in which he outlined his view of the issues of the Presidential campaign. His talk was Democratic clear through, and none the less so in discussing his own candidacy. Of this he said:

I do not know what the Democratic convention will do, but I do believe that it ought to do what the Democrats of the nation ask it to do. I have never assumed to decide that I am the only available candidate in the nation. All I can say is after what I have received at the hands of the Democratic party it has the right to command me for any service I can render. All I have suggested is that the voters of the party and not the bosses should determine both the platform and the candidate. I insist that it is Democratic not only to instruct but to send delegates that want to carry out the instructions. I maintain, also, it is Democratic that when the people express their wish they are entitled to voice that desire through people who harmonize with the wish. I have also said it is also Democratic when the party has selected its standard bearer and has written its platform that the party's fight shall be in the hands of men who want the party to win.

DAVE BALL is my favorite for Governor. He is a clean man, a straight Democrat, and a true friend. He does not use men when he can profit by them, and then abandon them in their hour of adversity. He does not endeavor to build himself up by tearing others down. He has never held an office tainted with questionable possession, nor gone down into the mire of corrupt politics and used the vantage point gained to farther advance himself by the destruction of others. He is of the earth and fit for the earth; does not assume the robe of Righteousness in awesome judgment; is not "better than his party" and therefore does not thank God that he is unlike the riff and raff of the "old machine" which gave Missouri good, clean, honest, Democratic government for thirty years. Being such a man he has faith in his fellow-men, that they may differ from him and yet be neither "thugs nor grafters." Being such a man and free from factional entanglement, he is loved by Democrats all over the State. Therefore, I predict his nomination and triumphant election.

HARRY ORCHARD, the self-confessed murderer of Gov. Steunenberg, was sentenced to death last week. Recommending him to the mercy of the State Pardon Board, Judge Wood said:

I am more than satisfied that the defendant now at the bar of this court awaiting final sentence has not only acted in good faith in making the disclosures that he did, but that he also testified fully and fairly to the whole truth, withholding nothing that was material, and declaring nothing which had not actually taken place. It was

the particular province of the court to observe and follow this witness upon the former trials and I am of the opinion that no man living could conceive the stories of crime told by the witness and maintain himself under the merciless fire of the leading cross-examining attorneys of the country, unless upon the theory that he was testifying to facts and circumstances which had an actual existence within his own experience. A child can testify truly and maintain itself on cross-examination. A man may be able to frame his story and testify to a brief statement of facts involving a short single transaction. But I cannot conceive of a case where even the greatest intellect can conceive a story of crime covering years of duration, with constantly shifting scenes and changing characters, and maintain that story with circumstantial detail as to times, places, persons and particular circumstances and under as merciless a cross-examination as was ever given a witness in an American court, unless the witness thus testifying was speaking truthfully and without any attempt either to misrepresent or conceal.

WITH this from the St. Louis *Mirror* concerning the editor of the Chicago *Public*, every fair-minded person will agree: "Mr. Louis F. Post is a master of dignified dialectics, the most thorough and the most lucid of the expositors in detail of the broad doctrines of Henry George. His paper is to the men at the front of political progress today, what the New York *Nation* was to like men just after the war between the States. As a paper devoted to the science of politics, it is unparalleled. It inculcates a politics of morality, not of expediency, of altruism not of selfishness. Its propaganda has much of the fervor and luminosity of a religion. Indeed the depth and breadth of its doctrine is truly religious, and as such, by contrast with the politics against which it is a protest, revolutionary in an evolutionary way. Mr. Post is a great, because he is a sincere editor, and it is no derogation at all from the tribute here paid him to say that his paper is as intellectually satisfying, as morally uplifting, as spiritually stimulating, as it is, because he is chiefly assisted in his editorial work by his wife, Alice Thatcher Post, a woman no less womanly than advanced. The *Mirror* is glad the *Public* is to continue, and would say that it honestly wishes that every honest man in politics in this country might get the paper for a year. If they did, there'd be an end of the rule of dishonest ideas over honest men in politics of this country."

Ed. P. Tetwiler.

On the 14th day of December last E. P. Tetwiler arrived in Colton, in poor health—coming direct from Newport, Arkansas. No special alarm was felt over his condition, and there were hopes of his ultimate recovery. But on Friday he collapsed and soon thereafter settled into a comatose state, in which he lingered until about 8:30 P. M. March 31, 1908, when he breathed his last, the cause of death being tuberculosis. Deceased was born at Ironton, Missouri, August 23, 1868, but had lived in Arkansas for about seventeen years.

Relatives of the deceased, including his father, two sisters and two brothers, and a few of their friends, assembled at 3 P. M. Wednesday at Swartz's Undertaking Parlor, where a brief service was held. Mrs. T. A. White and Miss Edna Syring sang appropriate songs, Mrs. Irwin accompanying them on the organ. Rev. E. L. McClellan of the Presbyterian Church read a few verses from the Bible, made a prayer and delivered some consoling remarks.

Floral tributes, consisting of bouquets of carnations and call lilies, contributions of kind friends, had been laid upon the casket.

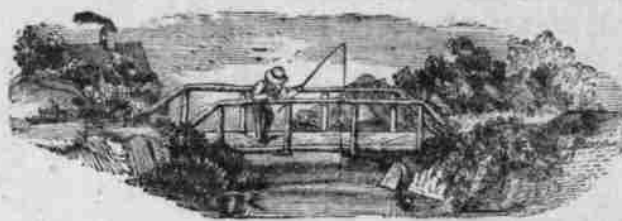
The burial took place at Hermon Cemetery.

A career close in the most beautiful season of a most beautiful country, when the orange blossoms perfume the air and the happy birds are chirping and twittering everywhere, after a brief sojourn here.—Colton (California) Information.

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March 11, 1908.
LILLIE RUBLE, Administratrix.

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